

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ARLINGTON
AMENDMENTS TO TOWN BYLAWS and ZONING BYLAWS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, I Juliana H. Brazile, Town Clerk of the Town of Arlington, hereby give notice regarding amendments to the Town Bylaws adopted by Articles 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, and 16 and to the Zoning Bylaws adopted by Articles 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 43 and 44 under the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting convened on April 25, 2022 which was approved by the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth on September 29, 2022.

For any amendment to the Zoning Bylaw, claims of invalidity by reasons of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within 90 days of the second publication of this text on October 13, 2022.

Article 6 updates the Human Rights Commission Bylaw
Article 7 creates a Youth and Young Adult Advisory Board
Article 8 creates a Civilian Police Advisory Commission
Article 10 updates the Tree Preservation and Protection Bylaw
Article 12 regulates Single Use Plastic Water Bottles effective November 1, 2022
Article 15 requires abutters be notified of non-emergency road/utility work outside normal hours
Article 16 updates regulations of gas-powered leaf blowers

Article 28 creates Enhanced Business Districts by establishing development standards
Article 29 defines rules for Public Shade Trees
Article 31 makes administrative corrections to the Zoning Bylaw
Article 32 allows the Zoning Board of Appeals to establish their rules and regulations independent of the Zoning Bylaw
Article 33 clarifies the definition of a half story
Article 34 changes the definition of a porch
Article 35 changes how porches and decks may be extended
Article 36 clarifies the requirements for large additions
Article 37 defines who may determine that a structure is unsafe
Article 39 changes the Floor Area Ratio for mixed use structures
Article 41 changes minimum parking requirements for apartment buildings
Article 42 allows temporary uses without a special permit in open spaces
Article 43 changes how notices of changes to Zoning Maps are made
Article 44 changes regulations for certain small restaurants

Copies of the complete text of the amendments may be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk upon request or reviewed at the Department of Planning & Community Development, Robbins Library Reference Desk and Fox Library.

[Town Bylaw Changes – complete text](#)

[Zoning Bylaw Changes – complete text](#)

NOTE: Three articles are still under review by the Attorney General's Office. We expect an update from them by December 28, 2022.

Article 11 amends the existing Domestic Partnership bylaw
Article 18 regulating the use of rodenticides: on hold pending special legislation to enable it
Article 30 establishes Solar Energy System standards and regulations for development under Environmental Design Review